

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* HARVESTING WHEAT, OATS , HAY AND IRRIGATING CORN, RICE

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RELEASED: July 26, 1999 3:00 p.m. Temperatures for the week were hot and dry. Most crops are reported in good condition according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 7.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 13 percent very short, 52 percent short, 34 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included finishing harvesting wheat and hay, irrigating corn, soybeans, sorghum, and rice, and fertilizing corn, cotton, rice, and warm season forage, scouting for sheath blight in rice, making mid-season nitrogen applications to rice, putting down lime.

CROPS: Spraying of cotton for boll weevils and bullworms were reported. Herbicides were being applied to rice fields and soybean fields. Tree fruit and small fruits were being harvested throughout the state.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle producers continued to market cattle and wean calves. Cattle were given bang vaccinations, treated for external parasites for summer insect control by dusting and ear tagging cattle, and were reported in good condition statewide.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM				1	7	38	47	7
Headed	79	82	67					
Turning Color	13	16	19					
COTTON				0	3	26	49	22
Squaring	100	100	100					
Setting Bolls	90	95	85					
RICE				0	2	21	52	25
Headed	22	32	27					
SOYBEANS				1	7	34	44	14
Blooming	48	54	41					
Setting Pods	15	17	14					
CORN				0	1	27	47	25
WHEAT								
Harvested	100	100	100					
OATS								
Harvested	100	100	99					
ALFALFA				0	0	27	67	6
OTH. HAY				0	5	35	50	10
PASTURE				0	7	36	49	8

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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